



BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, April 23, 2009

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The forum of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, April 23, 2009, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Jim Holley
Ronald L. Griffin **(ABS)**
Toney Stewart **(ABS)**
Adela Rivera
Mohamed Okdie **(ABS)**

Department Personnel Present

DC Herbert Moreland
Cmdr. Benjamin Lee
Cmdr. Gail Wilson-Turner
Cmdr Daniel O'Neill
Lt. Nick Giaquinto
Lt. Jonnie Thomas
Sgt. Bernard Beck-O'steen
Sgt. Dwight Snodgrass
Sgt. Robert Jackson
Sgt. Hilton Kincaid
Sgt. Dennis Perkins
PO Sophia Nelms

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Celia Banks Washington, Attorney/Supervising Inv. **(ABS)**
Lt. Linda Houser, Police Personnel Bureau **(ABS)**
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator
Lt. Daniel Allen
P.O. Kent Cooper

OTHERS PRESENT

Edward Moore
Ron Scott
Marilyn Jordan
Charlotte McGlory
June Lee
Ron Rice
Fred Strickland
Kimberly Cokely
Marian Cokely
Mary Lacy
Cynthia Anthony
Charles White

RECORDERS

PO Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Holley called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:21 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda for April 23, 2009 was not presented given the lack of a quorum.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for April 16, 2009 were not presented given the lack of a quorum.

4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

1. CHAIRPERSON

2. SECRETARY REPORT

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

	<u>This Week</u>		<u>Year to Date</u>	
2009 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	29	33% Decrease	429	10% Decrease
2008 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	43		475	

The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of 1,189 active investigations of which 351 of those are for 2009.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 04/23/09	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
1	12TH PRECINCT									1	1
2	CENTRAL			1			1				2
4	COMMUNICATIONS			1			1			3	5
3	EASTERN	1		1			1			1	4
1	INVESTIGATIVE						1			1	2
1	NARCOTICS						1				1
4	NORTHEASTERN			2			3			1	6
1	NORTHWESTERN									1	1
2	SPECIAL CRIMES			1	1		2				4
1	TACTICAL			1	1		1				3
10	Unknown Command			2		1	5	1		3	12
2	WESTERN					1	2			1	4
32	** (3 CCR's Multiple)	1		9	2	2	18	1		12	45

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners



Special Points of Interest:

• Next meeting:

Thursday, April 30, 2009

@ 3:00 P.M.

Detroit Police Department
1300 Beaubien St.
Detroit, Michigan 48226

"Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships"

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Domestic Violence

Officers of the Northeastern District responded to the area of E. Seven Mile and Schoenherr on a "Domestic Violence" run and arrested a subject for "Assault and Battery Domestic Violence." As a result of the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence, on April 13, 2009, the subject was charged with "Assault with Intent to Do Great Bodily Harm, Felonious Assault, Domestic Violence, Possession with Intent to Deliver, and Habitual 3rd."

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Engaging the Community

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District/Precinct stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Mini/Sub-Stations to make reports.

		<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
		1300 Beaubien	24 Hours	596-5100
		2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
		7737 Kercheval	*8 a.m. to 2 p.m.	628-2121
		19810 Grand River	*9 a.m. to 9 p.m.	870-0649
		13530 Lesure	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	596-5300
		2575 S. Schaefer	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	297-9423
		20 Atwater	24 Hours	237-2850
		13206 E. Jefferson	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	821-5851
		22101 Moross (St. John Hospital)	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	343-7506
		14700 Mack	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	852-4046

* Mini-Stations- Monday -Friday

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Police / Community Intervention

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Southwestern District

On April 15, 2009, officers of the Southwestern District responded to the 4000 block of Springwell on a "Robbery Armed and Shots Fired." Subsequent to their investigation, two subjects were arrested and charged with "Robbery Armed, Felony Firearm, and Felonious Assault."



Northwestern District

On April 14, 2009, officers of the Northwestern District responded to the 14000 block of St. Mary's on "Shots Fired." Subsequent to their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Assault with Intent to Rob Armed, Felon in Possession, Felony Firearm, and Habitual 3rd." A handgun was recovered.



Central District

On April 14, 2009, officers of the Central District responded to the 5000 block of Trumbull on a "Home Invasion" in progress. Due to the officers quick response, the subject was arrested and charged with "Home Invasion 1st, Assault with Intent to Do Great Bodily Harm, Felonious Domestic Violence, and Habitual 4th."



Eastern District

On April 16, 2009, officers of the Eastern District responded to the 18000 block of Waltham on a "Breaking & Entering" in progress. Subsequent to their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Home Invasion 2nd."

DC Moreland stated the department is having an 11th Annual Candlelight Vigil Service, Tuesday April 28, 2009 at Cobo Hall, and 36th Annual DPD Memorial Service at Old St. Mary's Church, 646 Monroe St., Friday, May 1, 2009. He introduced Cmdr. O'Neill of Special Projects.

Cmdr. O'Neill gave an update on the status of the police crime lab from its existence until now. He spoke on the revenue sharing with the Michigan State Police and that all current analysis is being done by the State Police.

Chairperson Holley asked why the department stopped receiving revenue from the State.

Cmdr. O'Neill stated because of the cut backs in the State Resources.

Chairperson Holley asked Cmdr. O'Neill if he has been the overseer of this before the shutdown of the Crime Lab.

Cmdr. O'Neill stated no, after it was closed.

Chairperson Holley asked if there were any signs or warnings that the State was going to stop participating in the revenue sharing.

Cmdr. O'Neill stated he isn't sure how much advance notice was given.

Chairperson Holley asked how the department went from being the best to being closed down. He asked what the relationship was between the Prosecutor's office and the police department.

Cmdr. O'Neill stated it was a lack of resources along with a huge case load, and some standards. He stated the Chief has instructed the department to work with the Prosecutor's office. As a result a work group was established that consists of the State Police, Prosecutor's, and the department.

Chairperson Holley stated when statements are mentioned to the media that a particular agency states they will never work with the crime lab, it seems like there was never a relationship between everyone.

Comm. Rivera asked is there a backlog since everything is going to the State.

Cmdr. O'Neill stated the department processed about 20,000 pieces of evidence a year. The State has been allocated \$5 million dollars to hire additional scientists to help process the department cases. In the future, the State and the Department have agreed to jointly operate a lab within the City, but the State will manage the lab.

Comm. Rivera asked why the city always has to have baby sitters.

Cmdr. O'Neill stated this lab will only serve the City of Detroit and not the entire State.

Chairperson Holley asked will it be built in Detroit.

Cmdr. O'Neill stated yes, sir.

Chairperson Holley asked will it be on the same concept of Miami CSI.

Cmdr. O'Neill stated yes, sir.

Chairperson Holley asked what the status of the appeals process.

Cmdr. O'Neill stated the prosecutor's office is reanalyzing all the evidence that might have affected a case.

Comm. Rivera asked during the review did it show that one or two officers was doing the bad firearms testing or all of them.

Cmdr. O'Neill stated it was all six of the individuals.

Chairperson Holley asked the commander if he learned anything from the questions that the Board presented here today.

Cmdr. O'Neill stated he understands this Board's passion for the citizens and the department.

Chairperson Holley stated that he would hope there was some understanding that everyone needs to be on the same page and work as a team.

Cmdr. O'Neill stated the Chief has instructed that he must cooperate with the prosecutor's office 100%.

Chairperson Holley stated he is very impressed with the effort that the Chief and his staff is doing to have a great relationship with the other agencies.

Comm. Rivera stated she hopes that one day the department can have the crime lab back.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Personnel appeals recommendations were not presented given the lack of a quorum.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

8. OLD BUSINESS

The disciplinary appeals recommendations were not presented given the lack of a quorum.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 30, 2009 @ 3:00 p.m.
Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien Rm. 328-A
Detroit, MI 48226

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

C. McGlory stated she is here to get some information on her nephew Robert Mitchell who was tasered and later died.

DC Moreland stated that the incident happened with the Warren Police Department. Because DPD was at the scene, that information would fall under Internal Affairs (IA). He asked Ms. McGlory to speak with Sgt. Perkins.

Chairperson Holley asked Ms. McGlory if she made contact with the Warren Police Department.

C. McGlory stated yes.

Chairperson Holley stated for Sgt. Perkins to do a follow-up to make sure she reached someone from IA.

R. Rice stated they are having a serious problem with the prostitution on Woodward, between Six Mile and Nevada. He stated the police haven't done anything since December of 2008.

Chairperson Holley asked Mr. Rice if they had a block club.

R. Rice stated yes.

Chairperson Holley stated for Mr. Rice to set a date to hold a meeting.

DC Moreland stated there has been ongoing enforcement within that area.

R. Rice stated the police drive by and do nothing.

Chairperson Holley asked the Deputy Chief to set up a meeting with the block club and the police community relations and he will be at that meeting.

F. Strickland stated he has to pick up condoms, needles, and tissues every morning in front of his house.

C. Anthony stated she is having the same problem even though she is on a different block.

Chairperson Holley asked the Deputy Chief if they can meet with the entire community to see if they can bring a resolution to this issue.

DC Moreland stated the department can meet with that community at the district or during a community relations meeting.

Comm. Rivera stated you want to get Vice Squad and Tactical Mobile Unit to clean the area up.

R. Rice stated that's correct.

Chairperson Holley stated for Mr. Rice and Mr. Strickland to get the word out to the community for the meeting. He stated DC Moreland stated they will step-up the enforcement.

M. Jordan stated the department is saying that the Crime Lab is closed but, they are seeing activity at that facility and that concerns her.

Chairperson Holley asked if she had a position on the Crime Lab.

M. Jordan stated her organization is hoping that the department reopens the facility.

M. Jordan stated she would hope that the department will not partnership with the State or try to build a new facility.

Chairperson Holley asked if her organization had some input on the crime lab situation.

M. Jordan stated that Brian Zubell had a conversation with Prosecutor Kim Worthy regarding this issue with no movement.

Chairperson Holley asked Cmdr. O'Neill if the lab was open or closed.

Cmdr. O'Neill stated it is closed.

Chairperson Holley stated to Ms. Jordan if anyone knows whether it is closed, it would be the commander. He asked Cmdr. O'Neill if her organization can have some input on the lab situation.

Cmdr. O'Neill stated he will meet with Ms. Jordan to have discussions.

DC Moreland stated if there are police officers around the building they are there for security purposes.

M. Jordan stated an affidavit from 2 workers states that it is open.

Kimberly Cokely stated she is here on behalf of her husband who was killed and wanted to know if her case can be assigned to an advocate so that it may be investigated properly.

Chairperson Holley stated you are not satisfied with the process of being kept updated. He asked when did this incident take place.

Kimberly Cokely stated March 11, 2009, and they are not receiving information in a timely manner.

DC Moreland stated for Ms. Cokely to see Sgt. Perkins who will assist her.

Chairperson Holley stated Ms. Cokely that if she is not satisfied, the Board meets every Thursday.

C. White stated he has a concern with the towing contract with B&T who doesn't have a standard price for storage fees. He stated the fees are charged according to make of your car.

He was also robbed and would like to get some assistance on his report.

Comm. Rivera stated to Mr. White that she would like to speak to him after the meeting.

C. White stated okay.

DC Moreland stated for Mr. White to speak with Sgt. Perkins who will assist him.

J. Lee stated in response to Mr. White's statement, if someone at B&T stated the storage fees were based on the make of the car that was wrong information. He stated pricing is dependent on the reason the vehicle was brought into the yard. He stated they have contracts with several municipalities.

Chairperson Holley asked for an example of the municipalities' prices.

J. Lee stated an example is if it was towed from Highland Park then that fee may be \$12.00 a day.

Chairperson Holley asked if any of the fees goes back to Highland Park.

J. Lee stated all the storage fees go to the storage company.

M. Lacy asked for verification is there a Crime Lab on Rosa Park Blvd.

Cmdr. O'Neill stated that is a site that the department was looking at before the closing of the lab.

M. Lacy asked what is the forfeiture money used for.

DC Moreland stated for narcotics related enforcement, and equipment.

B. Smith asked stated there was a problem during the final four and a towing company was involved and charged people \$250.00 in cash to reclaim their vehicles. B. Smith wanted to know the name of that company.

Comm. Rivera stated that is being investigated.

R. Scott he would like some clarification on the standards of MCOLES and the department in term of police chase and foot chase during the next meeting.

Chairperson Holley asked Mr. Scott to put that in writing and he can put it on the agenda as a presentation.

R. Scott stated okay.

E. Moore thanked this Board for being here to assist the citizens.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

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